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SUBJECT: USG NARCOTICS PROGRAMS

REF: ALGIERS 449

1. REGRET MISSION CONFUSION ABOUT USG NARCOTICS PROGRAMS
AS OUTLINED REFTEL.

2. RE 1977 NCAP GUIDANCE. ALGIERS REP AT NARCOTICS
COORDINATORS CONFERENCE IN PARIS IN SEPTEMBER MADE THIS
POINT LOUD AND CLEAR, AND REPEATED SAME MESSAGE DURING
MCLAUGHLIN VISIT TO ALGIERS EARLY OCTOBER. WE AGREED
THAT GUIDANCE FOR 1978 NCAP, WHEN IT IS ISSUED, WILL BE
SUPPLEMENTED BY SPECIFIC CABLE LISTING REQUIREMENTS FOR
POSTS SUCH AS ALGIERS. (FYI: AS NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE
AND TRAINING IS STATE RPT STATE PROGRAM, NOT SURPRISING
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THAT DEA AND CUSTOMS OFFICERS QUERIED ABOUT GUIDANCE WERE

UNABLE BE HELPFUL- IF POST HAS DIFFICULTY WITH FY 1978
NCAP GUIDANCE, WHICH WE HOPE WILL NOT BE THE CASE, SUGGEST
POST CABLE DEPARTMENT FOR CLARIFICATION AND/OR ASSISTANCE.
END FYI.)

3. RE DOG PROGRAM. WE BELIEVE MISSION HANDLED QUESTION OF

DOG TRAINING CORRECTLY. WHILE BOONE MAY HAVE DESCRIBED
U.S. DOG PROGRAMS DURING CUSTOMS COURSE AND ENCOURAGED
ALGERIANS CONSIDER ESTABLISHING SIMILAR PROGRAM, WE CON-
SIDERED EMBASSY EVALUATION IN ALGIERS 3580 AS DETER-
MINING FACTOR AND DID NOT PURSUE.

4. RE AMNESTY FOR THOSE CONVICTED ON DRUG CHARGES. WE
ARE PUZZLED BY REFTEL STATEMENT THAT MISSION IS
"RECEIVING CONFLICTING SIGNALS FROM DEPARTMENT." CHECK
OF SCA/SCS AND S/NM FILES SHOWS THAT LAST TELEGRAM SENT
TO POST ON QUESTION OF AMNESTY WAS STATE 162132 OF JULY
10 AUTHORIZING POST REQUEST AMNESTY AND EXPULSION FOR
THOSE SENTENCED UNDER RETROACTIVE LAW. ONLY OTHER OUT-
GOING COMMUNICATION IN FILE IS MCCLAUGHLIN'S SUMMARY OF
VISIT, DATED 01 OCTOBER 1975, WHICH NOTES THAT USG SHOULD
USE AMNESTY PROCESS TO REQUEST AT LEAST REDUCTION OF
SENTENCE TO NO MORE THAN MINIMUM THAT COULD HAVE BEEN
IMPOSED UNDER LAW IN FORCE AT TIME OF ARREST. THIS
SUMMARY SUGGESTED THAT SCA/ACS REVIEW FILE AND SEND
INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSION. WHILE INSTRUCTIONS NEVER SENT,
QUESTION IS ACADEMIC SINCE, ACCORDING ALGIERS 3209,
MISSION HAS REQUESTED AMNESTY FOR GRANT, RUPERT AND
HENDRIX. FROM WHOM IS MISSION STILL RECEIVING CONFUSING
SIGNALS?

5. RE DESCRIPTIONS DEA AND CUSTOMS COURSES. WE AGREE
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS NOT ALWAYS PRECISE AND CONTINUE TO
WORK WITH CUSTOMS AND DEA TO HONE COURSE ANNOUNCEMENTS.
CASE-IN-POINT IS STATE 47522 ANNOUNCING CUSTOMS COURSE
IN YOUR AREA, WHICH WAS REDRAFTED AFTER S/NM REFUSED
CLEAR ORIGINAL VERSION. WE ASSUME PARA THREE SUFFICIENT
TO OVERCOME DIFFICULTY CITED BY MISSION. HOWEVER,
75 STATE A-2665 AND 75 STATE 115992 PROVIDE BASIC GUID-
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ANCE ON AND COURSE DESCRIPTION OF DEA AND CUSTOMS COURSES
AND GUIDANCE ON WHICH FOREIGN OFFICIALS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR
EACH COURSE.

6. WE APPRECIATE MISSION COMMENTS ON HELPFULNESS OF U.S.
CUSTOMS, AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING ADDITIONAL
COMMENTS FROM MISSION WHENEVER IT FEELS THEY MAY BE
USEFUL, KISSINGER

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